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#### OREGON STATE HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE BOARD OF DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFERY 700 SUMMER ST., NE STE. 320 SALEM, OR 97310 (503) 378-8667 EXT. 4310

In the Matter of	) NOTICE OF PROPOSED LICENSE
Revocation of a license against	) REVOCATION;
CLAREBETH LOPRINZI-KASSEL	) OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
File #H13BDMF017	)
	)
TO: CLAREBETH LOPRINZI-KASSEL	)
25632 Jeans Rd	)
Veneta, OR 97487	)

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Direct Entry Midwifery proposes to revoke your license for the following reasons:

On April 15, 1995, you were called to assist in a home birth with a 38 year old woman. The second stage of labor lasted over 40 hours. During this prolonged labor, you failed to adequately take and/or record maternal blood pressure. You also failed to adequately take and/or record fetal heart tones. At no time during this period did you consult with a physician or hospital staff or transport your patient to a hospital. The baby was delivered at approximately 8:00 a.m. on April 17th. After the birth, the mother had a retained placenta. You failed to summon emergency assistance or transport the patient to the hospital. You abandoned the patient for some hours with the placenta still undelivered. You attempted to absolve yourself of responsibility by turning your patient over to a non-licensed midwife, who eventually transported the patient to a hospital some 24 hours after the birth. At the hospital, she required transfusion of whole blood and surgery.

The Board proposes to revoke your certification pursuant to Oregon Laws 1993, chapter 362, section 10, for the following violations of practice standards:

- 1. Failure to adequately monitor and/or record maternal blood pressure intrapartum and postpartum, OAR 332-025-0020(15)(f)(A)(g)(A)<sup>1</sup>.
- 2. Failure to adequately monitor and/or record fetal heart tones during active labor and during second stage labor, OAR 332-025-0020(15)(f)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>All OAR citations are to 1994 rules.

- 3. Failure to transport the patient for an in-hospital birth as required by OAR 332-025-0020(14)(a) when the baby failed to descend within the expected time during active pushing, OAR 332-020-0030(2)(a)(M).
- 4. Failure to transport the patient to the hospital or call for emergency transport when the mother retained the placenta without bleeding and later when the mother retained the placenta with bleeding, OAR 332-020-0030(3)(a)(A) and (B).
- 5. Failure to stay with the mother until her general condition is stable, OAR 332-025-0020(15)(g)(A).
- 6. Knowingly leaving a mother with a retained placenta, without a care provider, thereby engaging in unprofessional conduct under Oregon Laws 1993, chapter 362, section 10.
- 7. Transferring care to an unlicensed midwife rather than calling for emergency assistance in a potentially life threatening situation, or transporting the patient to a hospital, thereby engaging in unprofessional conduct under Oregon Laws 1993, chapter 362, section 10.

You have a period of 30 days after the date of mailing of this notice in which to make written application for a hearing before the State Board of Direct Entry Midwifery Hearing Officer, 700 Summer St. NE Suite 320, Salem, OR 97310. Upon receipt of a request for hearing, the Board will notify you of the time and place of the hearing. If you fail to request a hearing within 30 days, or fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the Board or the Administrator will revoke your license based upon the record of the proceedings to date.

Should you request a hearing, you may be represented by legal counsel at the hearing, You will be given information on the procedures, the rights of representation and the rights of parties relating to the conduct at the hearing as required under ORS 183.413 before commencement of the hearing.

DATED this Str day of May

1998

Board of Direct Entry Midwifery Susan K. Wilson, Administrator Department of Human Resources Health Licensing Office, State of Oregon

Larry Peck

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#### BEFORE THE HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE OF THE STATE OF OREGON BOARD OF DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFERY

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BOARD OF DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFERY
In the Matter of ) STIPULATED ADMINISTRATIVE License No. 0618123672: ) AGREEMENT AND FINAL LICENSE
) ACTION ORDER CLAREBETH LOPRINZI-KASSEL ) File No. 0618123672
A complaint was filed on September 3, 1997 against Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel, then a
licensed direct-entry midwife in the State of Oregon. The complaint addressed events occurring
on April 15, 1995 and in the days immediately following that date. The Oregon Board of Direct
Entry Midwifery served a Notice of Proposed License Revocation upon Clarebeth Loprinzi-
Kassel on May 8, 1998. The Board later rescinded that notice by public vote on July 31, 1998.
The 1997 complaint itself remains pending before the Board, File No. 0618123672.
Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel and the Board, in order to resolve this 1997 complaint without
further administrative proceedings, agree to the following:
1. The Oregon Board of Direct Entry Midwifery and Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel each
admit no fault or wrongdoing by entering into this agreement.
2. The Board makes no findings, and enters no order of civil penalty, or letter of
reprimand to resolve this 1997 complaint. The agreement under this stipulated agreement and
order constitutes the entirety of the administrative corrective action imposed to resolve the 1997
complaint.
2a. Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel will make no appeal from, nor seek review of, this
administrative order pursuant to ORS 183,480.
3. Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel is not now licensed by the State of Oregon as a direct
entry midwife. Under the terms of this agreement and order, Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel agrees
not to file an application to the Oregon Board of Direct Entry Midwifery for licensing as a direct
entry midwife in the State of Oregon until January 1, 2001.

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1	4.	If Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel applies for a license in the State of Oregon as a
2	direct-entry n	idwife on or after January 1, 2001 she will apply as a new applicant.

- 5. If Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel applies for new license in the State of Oregon as a direct-entry midwife after January 1, 2001 and meets the requirements for that license, then before issuing that license the Board will examine five certified true copies of Clarebeth
- 6 Loprinzi-Kassel's charts that she completed during the six months preceding her application.
- The Board will select these charts on a random basis from the charts of all clients
  who received care from Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel during those preceding six months. To effect
  this, Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel will make available to the Board a notarized list of the names of
  all her clients during those six months. The Board will make a random selection from those
  names, and notify Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel of its selection. Within four days of that
  notification, Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel will provide certified true copies of those women's charts
  - 6. If in its review of Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel's charts, as described above, the Board identifies any deficiency in Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel's charting skills, the Board may require that Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel undertake further midwifery education from Holly Scholles, or from another mutually agreed-upon instructor if Holly Scholles is unavailable, in order to remedy that deficiency. This education must be completed satisfactorily within three months after the Board issues a license to Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel.

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- 7. Before the Board issues a license to Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel, the Board and Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel will mutually agree upon a qualified licensed person who will serve as a monitor to conduct on-site monitoring of Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel's midwifery practice skills, for five out of the first ten births under her care.
- 7a Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel will provide the Board the opportunity to conduct that monitoring by providing to the Board the names of all clients under her care throughout the necessary period of time for monitoring five out of the first ten births under her care. Clarebeth

- 1 Loprinzi-Kassel will notify the person designated by the Board whenever she is called to attend a
- 2 birth, until the requisite number of monitored births is satisfied.
- The birth monitorings described herein shall be conducted on a random basis.
- 4 7c If the first agreed-upon person becomes unavailable, the parties will identify
- 5 another person mutually agreed upon to act as monitor.
- 8. If Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel fails to comply with any of the requirements set
- 7 forth in this agreement paragraphs five through seven, that failure will be deemed a basis for
- 8 revocation of her direct-entry midwifery license; the Board may initiate revocation of license
- 9 proceedings to determine that failure.
- 10 9. In response to any inquiry from any person or state agency or board, or by another
- 11 state's agency, to the Oregon Board of Direct Entry Midwifery concerning this 1997 complaint
- 12 against Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel, the Board will not elaborate on the terms of this agreement
- 13 and administrative order, or on the terms of the stipulated agreement and order dismissing the
- 14 Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals matter No. 98-35538, DC# CV-98-06147-MRH, except as
- 15 required pursuant to the Public Record Laws of the State of Oregon and the statutes and
- 16 administrative rules applicable to the Board.
- 17 9a. The Board agrees to notify Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel of any public record
- 18 request concerning this 1997 complaint before responding to that request.
- 19 9b. This agreement resolves the 1997 complaint, and the Board will not initiate any
- 20 further regulatory action on that complaint. However, should other complaints against Clarebeth
- 21 Loprinzi-Kassel come before the Board concerning her conduct in reference to other matters
- 22 subject to the Board's regulatory authority, the Board may initiate regulatory action concerning
- 23 those new matters. The Board agrees that it will not use information that it obtained concerning
- 24 the investigation of the 1997 complaint against Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel in any prosecution of
- 25 new matters against her.
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1 10. Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel and the Board agree that this agreement is the product of their mutual negotiations and preparation and, accordingly, shall not be deemed to have been 2 3 prepared or drafted by either party. 4 10a. Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel and the Board agree that any court or administrative body seeking to interpret this agreement shall construe it as the product of mutual negotiation 5 6 and preparation. Any interpretation shall be made under Oregon laws. 7 Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel and the Board agree that this agreement is solely for 11. the purpose of settlement so as to avoid the expense and disruption of litigation. 8 9 Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel and the Board agree that neither will recover from the 12. other any expenses associated with this action, including any claims for attorney fees or related 10 11 costs. 12 13. This stipulated final order constitutes the entire and complete agreement between the parties to resolve the administrative proceeding commenced concerning the 1997 license 13 complaint, and no promises, inducements or agreements not herein expressed have been made 14 and the terms of this agreement are contractual and not a mere recital. No waiver, consent, 15 modification or change of terms of this agreement shall bind either party unless in writing and 16 17 signed by both parties. Such waiver, consent, modification, or change, if made, shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose given. There are no understandings, 18 19 agreements, or representations, oral or written, not specified herein regarding this agreement. The parties, by signatures below, each acknowledge that she has read this agreement, 20 21 understands it, and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions. 22 /// 23 /// 24 /// 25 /// 26 ///

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1	FIN	AL ORDER
2	The above-stipulated agreements	s constitute the final order of the Oregon Board of
3	Direct Entry Midwifery.	
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5	IT IS SO STIPULATED AND AGREED:	
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7	CLAREBETH LOPRINZI-KASSEL	Date:
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9	ABIGAIL HOFFAR, Chair	Date: 6.23-00
10	Oregon Board of Direct Entry Midwifery	
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12	IT 18 SO ORDERED:	
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14	SUSAN K. WILSON, Director	Date. 4/15/00
15	Health Licensing Office Oregon Board of Direct Entry Midwifery	·
16	State of Oregon	
17	APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
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19	1	Date: 6/19/00
20	ROY HABER / Counsel for Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel	
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## HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE BOARD OF DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFERY MINUTES OF January 14, 1999 - CONFERENCE CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Abigail Hoffar

Marion Toepke

MEMBERS PRESENT

via telephone

Anne Frye, Chairperson Mark Nichols, M.D.

Lisa Gladden

STAFF PRESENT

Susan K. Wilson, Administrator Larry Peck, Enforcement Manager Bob Gruchalla, Enforcement Officer Monica J. Leisten, Board Liaison

**MEMBERS EXCUSED** 

Kate Davidson
Daphne Singingtree

**LEGAL ADVISOR** 

Sharon Scooley, Assistant Attorney General

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Board of Direct Entry Midwifery was called to order for a telephone conference call at 1:18 p.m. on January 14, 1999, at 700 Summer St NE, Suite 320, Salem Oregon, by Chairperson, Anne Frye.

Dr. Nichols joined the meeting via telephone conference call at 4:05 p.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1)(k) at 1:20 p.m. to discuss investigative materials and other confidential matters regarding case file number 9701.

The Executive Session concluded at 4:29 p.m. Anne Frye, Chairperson, reconvened regular session at 4:30 p.m. The Board vote concerning disciplinary action to be taken regarding file #9701 was as follows:

Ms. Toepke made a motion that the licensee be placed on a probationary status with sanctions. Ms. Gladden seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dr. Nichols and Ms. Hoffar in opposition.

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m. 01/14/99

Anne Frve. Chairperson

Susan K Wilson Administrator



January 8, 1999

#### **Department of Human Resources**

Health Licensing Office 700 Summer St. NE, Suite 320 Salem, Oregon 97310 Telephone (503) 378-8667 FAX (503) 585-9114 TTY (503) 373-2114

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#### **MEETING NOTICE:**

"Telephone Conference Call"

Board of Direct Entry Midwifery

1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 14, 1999

There will be a meeting of the *Board of Direct Entry Midwifery* on Thursday, January 14, 1999, at 1:00 p.m. for a "telephone conference call" at the program office, suite 320, Veterans' Affairs Building, 700 Summer St NE, Salem, Oregon. The meeting will be conducted in Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (1)(k). The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and determine disciplinary action regarding case file number 9701.

Susan K. Wilson, Administrator Health Licensing Office Board of Direct Entry Midwifery

#### Copies

To request copies of agenda items discussed at this meeting, please address your written request to the Board Liaison, identifying specific documents. Fees will be established when your request is received.

#### **Executive Session**

The Board may from time to time throughout the meeting enter into Executive Session to discuss certain matters on the agenda for any of the reasons specified in ORS 192.660. Prior to entering into Executive Session, the Board/Council president will announce the nature of and authority for holding the Executive Session. No final action will be taken in Executive Session.

#### **Public Comment**

Members of the public are invited and encouraged to participate at all Board/Council meetings as appropriate. All persons who plan to comment are asked to register on the sign-in roster prior to the meeting and indicate the agenda topic(s) on which they wish to speak. Opportunity for comment on topics not appearing on the agenda will be heard under public comment at the end of each meeting. Please wait for the chairperson to recognize the public prior to commenting on issues.

#### Additional Notes

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Monica J. Leisten, Board Liaison, (503) 378-8667 ext. 4323.

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# SIGN-IN ROSTER FOR JANUARY 14, 1999 - CONFERENCE CALL BOARD OF DIREC, ENTRY MIDWIFERY

# \*\*CONFERENCE CALL\*\* Meeting Times 1:00 P.m. Adjournment: BOARD OF DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFERY **Board Meeting** 700 Summer St NE, Suite 320 HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE Rhoades Conference Room Salem, OR 97310 Meeting Location:

	AREAS YOU WISH TO DISCUSS (Mentify agends frem(s) you wish to comment on)								
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### OF THE STATE OF OREGON BOARD OF DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFERY

IN THE MATTER OF	NOTICE OF PROPOSED
	REVOCATION
Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel	
Licensee	
	License No. 0618123672
j	File No. 99-01

The Board of Direct Entry Midwifery hereby proposes to revoke your license on the following grounds:

#### I. ALLEGATIONS

On August 15, 1999 you were the primary midwife in a birth that resulted in an infant death. Based upon and investigation conducted, the following violations of direct entry midwifery statutes were found.

- 1) The mother was completely dilated for 35 hours with the baby's head visible through the vaginal opening;
- 2) Rupture of the membrane without assessments of temperature and without repeated pelvic examinations;
- 3) Prolonged second stage;
- 4) Maternal exhaustion without treatment;
- 5) 42 week and 5 days gestation period without fetal surveillance;
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- 7) Soliciting the father to attest to known false information at the time of admittance of the mother to the hospital.

#### II. STATUTES AND RULES

The above conduct is a violation of Oregon Laws, Chapter 362 and Oregon Laws, Chapter 990 and OAR chapter 332, division 1-30 and the administrative rules in effect at the time of the alleged violations which state in relevant part:

#### Section 10

(1) The following acts shall be grounds for which the State Board of Direct Entry Midwifery may refuse to grant a license or may exercise the disciplinary action against a licensed direct entry midwife:

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(f) Engaging in unprofessional conduct including, but not limited to, any departure from or the failure to conform to the standards of practice of direct entry midwifery as established by the board, in which case actual injury need not be established.

#### OAR 325-015-0000(31)

- "Risk assessment" means the analysis of health compromising conditions relevant to pregnancy, birth and the postpartum period based on information gathered through interview, clinical examination and historical data. Risk categories are identified as follows:
- (a) "Absolute Risk" means the conditions or clinical situations whereby a client is evaluated to determine obstetrical or neonatal risk which would preclude being a acceptable candidate for an out of hospital birth.
- (b) "Non-Absolute risk" means situations which sometimes place a client at increased obstetric or neonatal risk but does not automatically exclude a client from out-of-hospital birth.
  - (c) " Consultation" means discussion with another health care provider.
- (d) "Non-Absolute risk factor consultation"means situations which require a medical consultation. This consultation shall be with a licensed health care provider with hospital privileges.

#### Former OAR 332-020-0030 Absolute and Non-Absolute Risk Criteria

- (2) Intrapartum
  - (a) Absolute Risk Criteria

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- (L) Failure to progress in active phase of labor with presence of strong contractions:
- (M) Failure to descend within the expected time during active pushing, generally two hours for primup and one hour for multip.

#### Former OAR 332-025-0020(14)

- (14) Licensed direct entry midwives shall assess the appropriateness of an out-of-hospital birth for each client, taking into account the health and condition of the mother and fetus or baby according to the following two categories of risk assessment criteria in determining appropriate care:
- (a) "Absolute risk" as defined in OAR 332-015-0000 (31)(a) and referenced in the following Table Two, means that clients presenting these conditions or clinical situations are felt to be at extreme obstetrical or neonatal risk. These clients are not considered appropriate candidates for out-of-hospital birth. Clients must plan for an in-hospital birth if risk factors are present in the antepartum, intrapartum or postpartum periods. If a risk factor first develops when birth is imminent, the individual midwife must use judgment taking into account the health and condition of the mother and baby to determine which is most safe for mother and baby.

The board has the authority to revoke your license under 1993 Oregon Laws, Chapter 362 and Oregon Laws, Chapter 990, and OAR chapter 332, division 1-30 which states in relevant part.

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(3) When the board finds any person has violated any grounds set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the board may take one or more of the following disciplinary actions.

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(b) Revoke or suspend a license.

#### III. CONCLUSION

The foregoing is grounds for revocation of your license.

#### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

You have the right to a hearing to contest this order. The hearing, if requested, will be conducted according to the Administrative Procedures Act, ORS chapter 183. A request for hearing must be in writing and must be received by the Board of Direct Entry Midwifery within 30 days from the date Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action was mailed to you. The written request for a hearing must be sent to the Board of Direct Entry Midwifery, 700 Summer St. NE, Suite 320, Salem, Oregon 97301-1287. If you request a hearing, you will be notified of the date, time and place of the hearing. If you request a hearing you may be represented by an attorney at hearing and you may subpoena and cross-examine witnesses.

Failure to file a request for hearing within thirty (30) days will constitute waiver of your right to a hearing and the Board of Direct Entry Midwifery will consider this proposed revocation at its next scheduled meeting.

If you do not request a hearing within thirty (30) days, the Board's file automatically becomes part of the record for the purpose of proving a prima facie case.

#### OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS REGARDING HEARINGS

You have the right to be advised of other procedural matters regarding Board hearings. These rights are set forth in the accompanying notice, Exhibit A, as required under ORS 183.413.

Susan K. Wilson, Director Health Licensing Office

Oregon Board of Direct Entry Midwifery

Larry Peck

Regulatory Operations Manager

Enclosed

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Request For Hearing Form

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#### OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS REGARDING HEARINGS

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Dated this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2001.

Susan K. Wilson, Director Health Licensing Office

Oregon Board of Direct Entry Midwifery

Larry Peck

Regulatory Operations Manager

Enclosed

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Request For Hearing Form

#### BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFERY 1 2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON 3 In the Matter of the License 5 6 of SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and 7 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER 8 Previous License Number: 0618123672 9 CLAREBETH LOPRINZI, LICENSEE 10 11 The Health Licensing Office (HLO), in consultation with the Oregon Board of Direct 12 Entry Midwifery (Board), is the state agency responsible for licensing, disciplining and 13 regulating the practice of direct entry midwifery in the State of Oregon. 14 2. 15 The Board issued and served on Clarebeth Loprinzi, aka Clarebeth Loprinzi-Kassel, 16 and (licensee) a Proposed Revocation (Notice) on July 17, 2001. The Notice alleged that 17 licensee violated 1993 Oregon Laws Chapter 362 and 1999 Oregon Laws Chapter 990 OAR 18 chapter 332 by engaging in unprofessional conduct, to wit failing to conform to standards of 19 practice and soliciting false information concerning a birth at which she assisted. 20 3. 21 Licensee timely requested a hearing. 22 23 24 25

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The parties desire to settle this matter. Licensee does not want to incur the expense of a contested case hearing. Therefore, pursuant to ORS 183.415(5) they stipulate as follows:

- A. The Final Order below may be issued and entered.
- B. The HLO asserts it has information (contained in the Notice, which is incorporated by this reference) that causes it to believe that Licensee engaged in unprofessional conduct. The allegations are amended to include soliciting false information. The HLO asserts that its allegations are true. It denies that any member of the Board has any conflict of interest. It further asserts that it has authority and jurisdiction over this matter.
- C. Licensee denies all of the HLO's allegations, and in particular all allegations relating to soliciting false information. She asserts that certain Board members have conflicts of interest in this matter. She further questions the HLO's and the Board's authority or jurisdiction because she has no license.
- D. The parties recognize and agree that Licensee does not currently have an Oregon License to practice Direct Entry Midwifery and that it has never been revoked. The parties also recognize that at the time of the alleged violations, Licensee did posses an Oregon license to practice Direct Entry Midwifery.
- E. Licensee withdraws her request for hearing and waives any and all rights to a hearing or to otherwise challenge the Final Order below;
- F. Licensee agrees that she will not seek to be re-licensed by the Oregon Board of Direct Entry Midwifery or any of its successors unless she has satisfied the following conditions:

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1	without prejudice and this agreement shall not be used as evidence against				
2	Licensee in such proceeding.				
3	H. In consideration for licensee's agreeing to the terms of this settlement, the Health				
4	Licensing Office withdraws the Notice of Proposed Revocation.				
5	I. The parties agree that this Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Final Order is				
6	not intended to be used in any other proceeding for any reason.				
7 8 9	Clarebeth Loprinzi,  Daniel Holland Attorney for Ms. Loprinzi				
<ul><li>10</li><li>11</li></ul>	Ray Myers  Assistant Attorney General Business Activities Section Counsel to the Board  Ray Myers  Manager Regulatory Operations Division Health Licensing Office for Board of Direct Entry Midwifery				
12	FINAL ORDER				
13 14	Based on the stipulation and agreement between the parties, which is incorporated herein, and recognizing that Clarebeth Loprinzi does not have a license, the Board will not				
15	consider reissuing a license to Clarebeth Loprinzi until she has met the contingencies set				
16	forth above and has otherwise complied with the terms of this agreement. Therefore, this				
17 18	matter is settled as agreed and the request for hearing is dismissed.				
19 20	DATED this August, 2002				
21 22	Susan K. Wilson, Director Health Licensing Office Board of Direct Entry Midwifery				
<ul><li>23</li><li>24</li><li>25</li></ul>	Larry Peck Health Licensing Office Regulatory Operations Division				

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